



Smithsonian Institution

Office of General Counsel

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: 70840-16275262@requests.muckrock.com

March 26, 2019

Beryl Lipton
MuckRock News

RE: Your Request for Smithsonian Records (request number 52509)

Dear Mr. Lipton:

This responds to your request, dated March 22, 2019 and received in this Office on March 25, 2019, for Smithsonian records pertaining to the funding, staffing, and activities of a Freedom of Information Act office. The Smithsonian responds to requests for records in accordance with Smithsonian Directive 807 – Requests for Smithsonian Institution Information (SD 807) and applies a presumption of disclosure when processing such requests. The policy is posted on our website at <http://www.si.edu/OGC/Records-Requests>.

As a trust instrumentality of the United States, the Smithsonian is not subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, which applies only to agencies within the Executive Branch of the federal government. Therefore, we have no records responsive to your request.

This concludes the Smithsonian's response to your request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Sanet".

Jessica Sanet
Assistant General Counsel

You have the right to appeal a partial or full denial of your request. Your appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Smithsonian Institution Office of General Counsel at the address below, and made within sixty days from the date of this response letter. Your letter must explain your reason(s) for the appeal. The Smithsonian Under Secretary for Finance and Administration will decide your appeal and will respond to you in writing. You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services, within the National Archives and Records Administration.